

HOUSE BILL 1222

By Hakeem

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section
41-4-144, relative to jailer qualifications.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 41-4-144, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(1) A municipality, county, or political subdivision may contract with a licensed healthcare provider qualified in the psychiatric or psychological field to perform services in fulfillment of subdivision (a)(9). The municipality, county, or political subdivision may make a good faith reliance of the healthcare providers' certification under subdivision (a)(9). The healthcare provider is not an agent of the entity for purposes giving rise to a cause of action against the entity for a civil or criminal action.

(2) The good faith compliance of a municipality, county, or political subdivision with the requirements set forth in subsection (a) does not give rise to a cause of action against the entity for a civil or criminal action.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.